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| Application Number                                 | 09/387,764  |
| Filing Date  | September 11, 1999                                  |
| First Named Inventor                               | Ganesan, et al.                                     |
| Group Art Unit                                     | 3628  |
| Examiner Name:                                     | N. Nguyen   |
| Attorney Docket Number                             | 23952-0016  |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

| 1.           | Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request nonentry of such amendment(s). |   |   |  |                        |  |
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|              |  | i.  |   | Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Bri  | ef previously filed on |  |
|              |  | ii.   |   | Other  |                        |  |
|              | b.   | $\boxtimes$                                       | Enclosed  |  |                        |  |
|              | i. 🛛 Amendment/Reply   |   |   |  |                        |  |
|              |  | ii.   |   | Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  |                        |  |
| =            |  | iii.  |   | Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)   |                        |  |
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|              | a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of 2 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)required)  |   |   |  |                        |  |
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| 3.           | Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.   |   |   |  |                        |  |
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